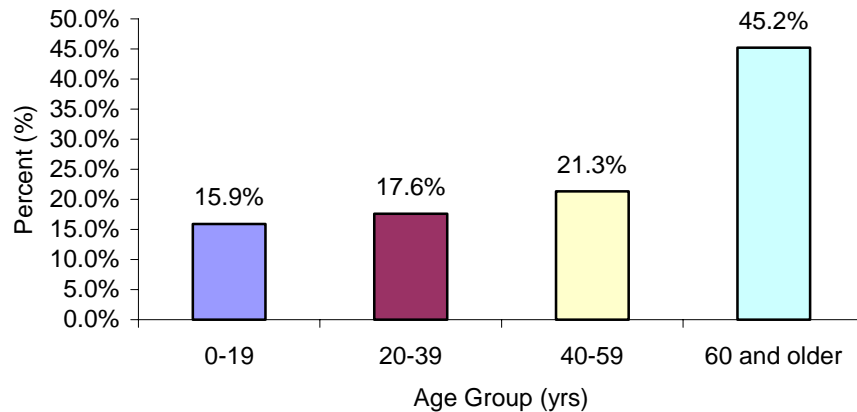


Hospital Discharge Summary, 2003

Patient discharges from Florida hospitals have increased from about 1.8 million in 1993 to about 2.4 million in 2003. This is an increase of approximately 33.7%. The largest number of discharges was among those 60 and older at 45.2% of the total discharges (Figure 1).

Figure 1
Hospital Discharges by Age Group, 2003



Women were hospitalized more often and at an earlier age than men; however, hospital stays for men were determined to be slightly longer. Of the women's hospitalizations 14.6% (203,940) were for childbirth (Table 1).

Table 1
Hospital Discharges by Gender, 2003

Gender	Number	Percent (%) of Total	Average Age	Average Length of Stay
Female	1,393,064	57.0%	50	4.6
Male	1,050,850	43.0%	51	5.2
Total	2,443,916	100.0%	51	4.9

Note: Numbers may not add to total due to unclassified gender records.

White patients, at 67.2% of the total discharges, accounted for the most discharges in 2003. Among all racial/ethnic groups Asian or Pacific Islander patients on average were the youngest hospitalized, while black Hispanic patients were hospitalized longer (Table 2).

Table 2
Hospital Discharges by Race/Ethnicity, 2003

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent (%) of Total	Average Age	Average Length of Stay
White	1,641,225	67.2%	56	4.8
Black	367,644	15.0%	39	5.2
White Hispanic	341,804	14.0%	43	4.7
Asian or Pacific Islander	13,426	0.5%	35	4.2
Black Hispanic	8,972	0.4%	36	5.5
American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut	3,245	0.1%	42	4.7
Other	47,143	1.9%	37	4.8
Total	2,443,916	100.0%	51	4.9

Note: Numbers may not add to total due to unclassified race/ethnicity records.

Total charges for 2003 hospitalizations were over \$58 billion dollars. Medicare and Medicare HMO accounted for over half of the total charges at 52.5%. Commercial insurance accounted for the second largest total charges with 27.0% (Table 3).

Table 3
Hospital Discharges by Principal Payer, 2003

Payer	Number	Total Charges	Percent (%) of Total Charges	Average Charges
Medicare & Medicare HMO	1,037,625	\$30,547,834,991	52.5%	\$29,440
Commercial Insurance	748,201	\$15,721,512,077	27.0%	\$21,012
Medicaid & Medicaid HMO	402,705	\$6,791,179,279	11.7%	\$16,864
Self Pay/Charity	176,693	\$3,261,459,164	5.6%	\$18,458
Other State/Local Government	25,252	\$591,855,991	1.0%	\$23,438
Champus	20,480	\$420,005,434	0.7%	\$20,508
Workers' Compensation	13,215	\$432,831,304	0.7%	\$32,753
VA	4,811	\$130,805,431	0.2%	\$27,189
KidCare	2,758	\$50,442,589	0.1%	\$18,290
Other	12,176	\$246,950,943	0.4%	\$20,282
Total	2,443,916	\$58,194,877,203	100%	\$23,812

Over 80% of the patients were discharged home from the hospital. Table 4 displays patient discharge status for 2003.

Table 4
Hospital Discharges by Patient Discharge Status, 2003

Discharge Status	Number	Percent (%)
Home	1,988,539	81.4%
Skilled Nursing Facility	201,306	8.2%
Expired	57,103	2.3%
Short-term general hospital	51,111	2.1%
Left against medical advice	26,773	1.1%
Intermediate care facility	20,491	0.8%
Hospice	19,767	0.8%
Other Institutions	78,826	3.2%
Total	2,443,916	100.0%

Source: State of Florida, Agency for Healthcare Administration, State Center for Health Statistics, 2003